



April 19, 2005

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil  
Settlement Agreement

D.T.E. 05-29

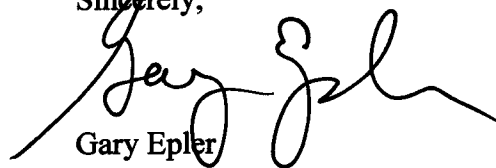
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On behalf of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil" or "Company"), the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts ("Attorney General"), and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts ("AIM") (collectively "the Parties"), enclosed for filing with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") is an original and one copy of the response to the Department's First Set of Information Requests. Copies of this response have been provided to the Hearing Officer and other Department Staff as directed in the Instructions to the Information Requests.

Please note that I was unable to contact the counsel for The Low-income Weatherization and Fuel Assistance Program Network ("Network"), the remaining signator to the Settlement Agreement, to obtain his concurrence in the attached response. I will contact the Hearing Officer immediately if I am advised by the Network that they have any objection or disagreement with the response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil  
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Department's First Set of Document and Information Requests

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**Request No. DTE 1-1**

Please refer to Offer of Settlement ("Settlement") at Section 2.11. Do the Settling Parties contemplate that the costs in excess of the benefits of the pilot program will be recovered in the Company's next distribution rate case from customers of Fitchburg's Electric Division only? If so, please discuss how Fitchburg's Gas Division customers will not be subsidized by the Company's Electric Division because both electric and gas customers are eligible to participate in the program.

**Response:** The Parties contemplate that the allocation of costs in excess of benefits will be made on an appropriate basis to both the gas and electric divisions in a manner reasonably calculated to avoid subsidization.

**Person Responsible:** Mark Lambert, Director, Customer Service, FG&E  
**Date:** April 19, 2005